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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 24, 2003

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States Cadet  
5 Nurse Corps Equity Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. SERVICE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE MILITARY**  
 2 **SERVICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
 4 401(a)(1)(A) of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (38  
 5 U.S.C. 106 note), the Secretary of Defense is deemed to  
 6 have determined that qualified service of a person con-  
 7 stituted active military service.

8 (b) DETERMINATION OF DISCHARGE STATUS.—(1)  
 9 The Secretary of Defense shall issue an honorable dis-  
 10 charge under section 401(a)(1)(B) of the GI Bill Improve-  
 11 ment Act of 1977 to each person whose qualified service  
 12 warrants an honorable discharge.

13 (2) Such discharge shall be issued before the end of  
 14 the one-year period beginning on the date of the enact-  
 15 ment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.**

17 No benefits may be paid to any person as a result  
 18 of the enactment of this Act for any period before the date  
 19 of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

21 For purposes of this Act, the term “qualified service”  
 22 means service of a person as a member of the organization  
 23 known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during  
 24 the period beginning on July 1, 1943, and ending on De-  
 25 cember 15, 1945.